

LOCAL MATTERS.

Washington's Birth-Day.—The anniversary of this day, sacred to the annals of American history, and fraught with good to the institutions of republican government, falling upon Sunday, to-day has been selected for a number of celebrations. The old sterling corps of Independent Greys, under the command of Captain Charles W. Brush, will give a grand ball in the saloon of the Maryland Institute, on which occasion the corps will execute a number of light infantry movements in full uniform. The most extensive arrangements have been made, and a most delightful time is anticipated.

The Loyola Debating Society of Loyola College will give a literary entertainment in the hall of the College building, commencing at 3 1/2 o'clock this afternoon, which will doubtless command interest.

The students at St Timothy's Hall, Baltimore county, will fire a national salute with their artillery battery, and celebrate the occasion in a spirited manner.

Death of Col. Samuel Moale.—Col. Samuel Moale, the patriarch of the Baltimore bar, died on Saturday morning at his residence, on Mulberry street, opposite the Cathedral. He was 81 years of age, over sixty of which he had been at the bar. The several courts in session immediately adjourned on the announcement of his demise, and the members of the bar subsequently held a meeting relative thereto, at 1 o'clock, in the Superior Court room. Judge Lee was called to the chair, and Wm. H. Young, Esq., was appointed secretary.

On motion of Charles F. Mayer, Esq., a committee of five was appointed to prepare resolutions expressive of the object of the meeting—Messrs. Chas. F. Mayer, William Schley, Nathaniel Williams, Jonathan Meredith and Wm. H. Norris were appointed on said committee.

The committee having retired, in a short time returned and presented the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we have heard with sincere regret of the death of our brother and friend, Samuel Moale, who, dying the senior member of the Baltimore bar, has left us the memory of his exemplary life to honor his patriarchal name in our professional ranks.

Resolved, That in loyalty to professional duty, mingled with scrupulous observance of what was due to justice and liberality, and in diligent discharge of all the tasks of his professional position, our departed friend has made his long career a model for a lawyer's life; while in all his private relations he was the delight and solace of his family and the pride of his friends.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased by the president and secretary of this meeting, be published in the city papers, and entered on the minutes of the court; and that we will wear the usual badges of mourning for thirty days.

Mr. Mayer prefaced the resolutions with a brief eulogium on the character of the deceased; they were seconded by Mr. Schley and unanimously adopted. The meeting then adjourned.

Col Moale was one of the defenders of Baltimore in 1814, commanding a company of artillery at that time. His family were among the first settlers of Baltimore, and no citizen was more highly esteemed than the deceased.

A Grand Seven Dial Town Clock.—A Popular Movement.—It is proposed by some of our enterprising citizens to have a splendid clock placed in the tower of the Hall of the Maryland Institute, where it can be seen by everybody at all hours, night or day. With this view Colonel H. Sperry, of New York, one of the most scientific and ingenious mechanics in that line of business in the country, was sent for and examined the hall and tower, and says it is the very place for a town clock. He proposes to furnish a tower clock for the Mechanics' Institute, to be made in the best manner, with pin escapement, jeweled pallets, and pinions and arbors of the best cast-steel, brass wheels, repeating striking part so that it can never strike wrong, compensating pendulum that cannot be affected by variations of temperature, and retaining power attached to main time wheel to keep the clock going while winding up; geared for four dials on the cupola of the Institute, one in the large exhibition room, one in the market, and one in the office of the board of managers; to run eight days with once winding up, and warranted a most accurate time-keeper, giving entire satisfaction to all parties concerned. The proposed clock to have the new and improved compensating pendulum, which is highly important to produce accurate time.—This will be important and of great advantage to citizens, and especially so to those daily passing the hall, or engaged in and attending the market. We understand the city council will be called upon for a small appropriation to aid the private subscription of those engaged in the public enterprise, which we have no doubt will be responded to promptly and unanimously.

Attempted Burglary.—About eight o'clock on Friday night an attempt was made by two scoundrels to enter the residence of Mr. Wm. Fuller, City Auditor, No 76 North Paca street. It appears that shortly after Mr. Fuller had left his residence, about the above hour, for the purpose of visiting some relatives about a square distant, Mrs Fuller, who was seated in the back-parlor, heard the sound of voices apparently outside of the window opening upon the yard. She listened, and heard one fellow ask his accomplice if he had his pistol ready? at the same time a strong instrument was shoved under the lower sash of the window and raised it. Mrs. F. then drew aside the window blinds, and distinctly saw two stout white men, who quickly disappeared, while she ran to the front door and called several neighbors to her assistance. Mr. Fuller also soon stepped in, and the premises and vicinity were thoroughly searched. The scoundrels, however, could not be found. Should they renew their visit, they will have a job for an undertaker—sure.

Military Visitors.—During the first week in March a large number of military companies from distant cities and towns will be passing through Baltimore on their way to Washington, in order to participate in the ceremonies of the inauguration. As Washington is fast filling up, especially in the way of hotel accommodations, and it is now difficult, if not impossible, to procure quarters for large companies, it is gratifying to know that some of our military associations are about fitting up their commodious armories for sleeping quarters for their brother soldiers. The Baltimore City Guards will thus provide for a company of Norfolk, whilst the Law Greys will also prepare for others. Mattresses, blankets, camp-stools, and other conveniences, will be arranged, and everything done in order to render the men comfortable—rather more so than a "soldiers' life" usually calls for. By taking the early trains for Washington, and leaving there in the afternoon, they can easily avail themselves of the arrangements.

Daring Robbery.—About 10 o'clock on Saturday night last, Mr. Peter Hines, who keeps a grocery and provision store on the corner of South Paca and Warner streets, was robbed in the most daring manner. For some time previous to the act, a colored man was seen loitering about the store door, and at a moment when the proprietor and his assistants were busily engaged in attending upon their customers, the negro thrust his hand through a window and seized hold of a money box upon a shelf near the window, with which he made off. The attention of those in the store was attracted by the noise made by the breaking of the glass, and they pursued the villain for some distance, but he succeeded in effecting his escape with the booty, with the exception of a \$19 note, which he dropped from the box as he ran, and which was picked up by those in pursuit. Mr. H. thinks his loss is about \$70, there being, as near as he can estimate, from \$70 to \$90 in the box in gold, silver and notes.

Beautiful Flags.—Mr. E. A. Gibbs has just finished two very beautiful and richly trimmed United States silk flags, which, in point of workmanship, equal anything of the kind we have ever seen. One is 9 feet in length by 6 feet wide, having in the blue union thirty-one richly finished silver stars on both sides. It is manufactured to the order of Capt Morton Marye, for his military company at Alexandria, Va. The other ensign is 8 feet in length by 5 feet wide, gotten up at the instance of the young ladies, pupils at the Calhoun Female Institute, Macon, Mississippi, a few of whom are Baltimoreans. The union bears upon one side the United States coat of arms, while the reverse contains thirty-one gilt stars. It is to be presented to the Knoxbee Rifle Company, of Macon. These flags are manufactured of superior quality silk, and trimmed with massive gold bullion tassels and cord, and are, indeed, beautiful specimens of the stars and stripes.

The New Steamer.—The George Peabody, now nearly ready for her trial trip, had steam raised on Saturday afternoon last, and her machinery put in motion for a half hour, during which everything worked in the most admirable manner, and proved the excellent precision with which the motive power has been constructed and placed in the vessel. Some of the directors of the company were on board, as well as Mr. Cooper and Mr. Murray, of the firms of the builders, all of whom seemed much gratified. In a few days she will make a trip down the bay. In noticing this steamer on Saturday, the word inches should have been feet, in the dimensions of the steam and exhaust-valves. She will easily stow and carry 9,000 barrels.

Rescued from Infamy.—An interesting case of this character took place a few days since.—A respectable tradesman, doing business near the Centre market, missed his daughter, a girl aged 15 years, and tolerably well instructed. He applied to High Constable Herring, who immediately proceeded to relieve his deep distressed mind by restoring his daughter. She had been absent several days. With the assistance of officers Jordan and Colegate, he discovered her in a sink of perdition, the wicked proprietress of which, on a lying subterfuge, was compelled to produce the abducted girl. At first she absolutely swore that no such person was in her vile abode.

Threatening to Kill.—John Mint charged with assaulting, drawing a pistol upon and threatening to kill Mrs. Lang, was arrested yesterday by officer Jordan, and held upon security to appear at a further examination by Justice Mearls.

Fire.—An alarm of fire was sounded yesterday morning about 1 o'clock, which was caused by the burning of the stable of Mr. R. Gilmore, situated on High alley, between Aisquith and Canal streets. The loss, which is estimated at \$150, is covered by insurance in the Equitable office. It was the work of an incendiary.

Again, at about 4 o'clock, some villainous incendiary applied his torch to an unoccupied two-story frame house on Ensor street, near East, the property of Mr. Wm. H. Hickman, which, although not entirely destroyed, was rendered useless. The loss in this instance is estimated at about \$400, upon which, as far as we could learn, there was no insurance.

Burglary.—On Friday night burglars made a demonstration on the store of Mr. James S. Armstrong, No. 52 North Green street, and an effective demonstration it was. It was broken open, it is supposed, just before daylight, and the goods taken amounted to about \$200 worth, consisting of moire antiques, kid gloves, and other articles. A number of other articles were prepared for taking away, but were left behind, the parties having been frightened away. A case knife was left, which can be had on application.

Another.—Between 12 and 1 o'clock on Friday night last, the grocery and liquor store of Mrs. Miller, on the corner of Buren and Constitution streets, was entered by burglars and robbed of some \$50, contained in a drawer, besides a large quantity of liquors and other articles.

Commerce of Baltimore.—The number of vessels in this port on Saturday last, (exclusive of bay craft) was ships 3, barques 11, brigs 11, and schooners 28—total 53; of which were for Rio de Janeiro 5; the West Indies 4; New York 4; Cuba 3; Demarara 2; Attakapas 2; Gardenas 2; Pedro Keys 2; Philadelphia 2; and one each for Liverpool, Rotterdam, Bremen, New Orleans, Boston, Buenos Ayres, Windsor, N. S., Caldera, Savannah, Pernambuco, Gloucester, San Blas, the West Coast of Africa, Mobile, Fredericksburg, Wilmington, Antigua, Annapolis, Testeges Islands and Arecibo, P. R.

The Fish Market.—As the spring time of year comes on our fish market begins to feel its effects, and we find it replete with all that is excellent in the way of the finny tribe. Last Saturday Centre market was abundantly supplied. Alexander Dryden & Co. had a load of perch and rock, numbering 2,100 strings, caught in Choptank river, one of our near Chesapeake streams, showing that the opening of the ice gives us reason to expect a full supply. From present appearances, within a week fresh fish will be a drug.

Methodist Episcopal Conference.—The Baltimore Annual Conference will hold its annual deliberations on Wednesday of next week, (the 4th of March,) pursuant to adjournment, in the Light street church, on which occasion an unusually large attendance is anticipated, as many questions of importance will come up for consideration. Arrangements are now making by the Methodists of this city to tender the itinerancy the usual hospitalities.

Some Beef.—On Saturday last a drove comprising one hundred and thirty-two beeves, of rather extraordinary character, passed through our city, on their way to Philadelphia. They were of magnificent proportions, from Staunton, Va. and were under the charge of Mr. George Polk. Our Philadelphia friends ought to thank us for allowing them to partake of some of the good things of life.

Pocket Picked.—On Saturday morning, while Mrs. Ellen Mannill, residing on Eden street, near Fayette, was passing through the Centre market, engaged in laying in the usual supplies, her porte-monnaie was taken from her pocket. It contained about \$12 in gold coin, and a small gold locket. The theft was doubtless committed by one of a crowd of boys who, at one time, passed very near her.

Disaster.—Peruvian bark E. S. L. Schroeder, from Velparaiso, bound to Baltimore, with copper and hides, on Sunday night week, went ashore on Cape Henry, and would have been a total loss but for the steam tug George M. Hill, which went to her assistance and succeeded in getting her off and safely anchored her in H. Roads.

Military.—The fine old corps of German Riflemen, under the command of Capt. Hoidefer, are now making arrangements for the purpose of visiting Washington on the 4th of March, and participating in the inaugural ceremonies. They will be accompanied by a cornet band, and no doubt make a handsome appearance.

Cross Firing.—Richard Gittings and Michael Jago were brought to the middle district station-house by watchman Fields—the former upon the charge of disorderly conduct in the house of Jago, and Jago upon the charge of assaulting Gittings with intent to kill. They were each held upon security for a further examination by Justice Mearls.

Charge of Stealing a Watch.—Susan Diefenderfer was arrested by the watch of the western district on the charge of stealing a watch from the residence of Elizabeth Burke, on Park street. Justice Bixler committed her to jail to answer a further examination.

Obtaining Money under False Pretences.—Jno. Dietz was arrested by officers Kidd and Percy upon the charge of obtaining money under false pretences of Mr. F. Rainer. Justice Mearls released him on security to answer a further examination.

Charge of Perjury.—E. Israel and Susan Burke were arrested by officer Bishop upon the charge of perjury, and being arraigned before Justice Bixler, they were each held upon security for a further examination.

Election.—At an election of the Baltimore German Guards, on Thursday evening last, the following officers were chosen: George Encke, first lieutenant, and George H. Smith, second lieutenant.

Resisting an Officer.—Charles Riley was arrested by officers Parker and Mules on the charge of resisting officer Parker whilst in the discharge of his duty. Justice Mearls released him on security to answer a further examination.